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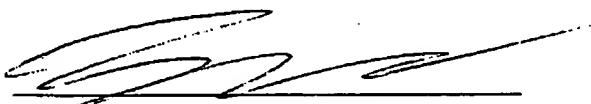
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, in the above-identified application, and is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for response in the Final Office Action.

The Applicant submits the following amendments to the independent claims under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 to clarify certain elements already defined in the original disclosure and to focus the issues for appeal should appeal be necessary.